Amendment in Rehabilitation Policy

†4054. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the people displaced on account of construction of Tehri Dam have not been actually benefited under the current policy regarding displacement so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the officials concerned with construction of dam and rehabilitation of people have issued a public statement on making an amendment to the rehabilitation policy; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take Members of Parliament and MLAs from the said region also in confidence on the above issue and include them in the Rehabilitation Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The Rehabilitation Policy for Tehri Dam oustees originally evolved by Government of Uttar Pradesh was further improved from time to time by the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) after the project was transferred to it. Consequent upon the decision of Central Government on the recommendations of Hanumantha Rao Committee (HRC) in December 1998, the rehabilitation package for project affected persons was further improved. The improved package has greatly benefited the project affected persons.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh presently engaged in the work of implementation of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R & R) Plan had organised a camp in Tehri in November, 1999 for on-the-spot settlement of grievances/ claims of the project affected persons and most of the claims were settled, payment made and allotment given.

In order to ensure that no eligible person is denied the benefits due under the R&R Policy, Government of Uttar Pradesh has again organised a camp at the project site during April 25—30, 2000.

The Chairman, Nagar Palika, Tehri is a member of the Coordination Committee set up by the State Government to oversee the implementation of the R & R Plan. The Chairman, Zilla Parishad, Tehri also attends the meetings

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of the Coordination Committee. Based on the advice of the Central Government THDC have approached Government of Uttar Pradesh to consider associating the other peoples representatives in the working of the Co-ordination Committee.

Contract with private power producers

†4055. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Uttar Pradesh has signed contracts with several private power producers during the last five years;

(b) what is the number of such Indian and foreign firms and the names of projects which have been handed over to them;

(c) the number of projects on which contractors have started work; and

(d) the action taken against those who have not started work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (d) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited have informed that Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) have been signed with 4 Independent Power Producers who are setting up power projects in the private sector in Uttar Pradesh. Details are given below:

S. No.	Name of Project/Promoters	Capacity (MW)	Date of signing of PPA	Commissioning Schedule
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Vishnuprayag Hydro-Electric Power Project (M/s. Jaiprakash Industries Ltd.)	400	7-9-1996	60 months from financial closure.
2.	Rosa Thermal Power Project (M/s Indo-Gulf Fertilisers)	567	24-9-1998	40 months from financial closure.
3.	Srinagar Hydro-Electric Power Project (M/s. Duncans North Hydro Power Co. Ltd.)	330	28-8-1998	62 months from financial closure.

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